

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/517,011

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communications dated 9/11/2006 and 9/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-3,7-17,23,27,31,35.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/2/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Please amend the claims according to the attached copy of a Facsimile dated November 13, 2006. The Facsimile was not received and was re-sent via e-mail on November 15, 2006.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles L. Gagnebin III on November 13, 2006.

Double Patenting

Applicant's amendments, filed 9/28/2006, have overcome the provisional nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-7, 11-12 and 14 over claims 1-3, 7, 12-13 and 15-16 of copending Application No. 10/486379 in view of Pudney et al (5912306). The rejection has been withdrawn.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Alkoxyated polyethyleneimines are known dispersants that are also crosslinkable (see Cleary et al, 6127331, Abstract or Ward, 5760386, col 4, lines 13-26)

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and a person skilled in the art might be motivated to use an alkoxylated polyethyleneimine in the polymerization process of the instant invention.

Dispersion polymerization in the presence of polyethyleneimine is also known (see Hosoda et al, 4380600, Abstract and col 5, lines 54-62 or Carl et al, 5840804, Abstract, col 2, lines 35-50 and col 8, lines 28-38).

However, the modified polyalkyleneimines in the sulfate salt form as claimed are quite different from alkoxylated polyethyleneimines and unmodified polyethyleneimines and would not be obvious to try in a dispersion polymerization process with the expectation of similar results.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis Cordray whose telephone number is 571-272-8244. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 -4:00 PM.

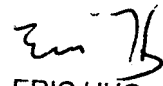
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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